GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Social Welfare Department - Allegation of possession of disproportionate assets to the known sources of income against Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o. Late Kameswara Rao, Age 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II (Retired), Integrated Social Welfare Hostel for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District - Case registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau on 17.07.2017 - Sanction for Prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

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SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.3 Dated:23.02.2024

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ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Late Kameswara Rao, aged 63 years, joined in Government sevice on 03.11.1986 as Hostel Welfare Officer in Social Welfare Department. He worked at Peravali, Khandavalli, Undrajavaram, Doddipatla, Attili, Jeelugumilli, Bhimadole, Denduluru, Kovvali and worked at Integrated Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District till the date of searches i.e. 17-07-2017, later he was retired from the service on 30.06.2019 on attaining the age of superannuation and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1988.

2. And whereas, based on the source report with regard to the possession of Assets disproportionate to known sources of income against Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Late Kameswara Rao, 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II, Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District and based on the proceedings of the Joint Director vide No.12/ACB-JD(A)/RCA/2017, dated 11.07.2017 and due procedure, a case in Cr.No. 09/RCA-EWG/2017 under sec. 13(2) r/w 13(1) (e) of PC ACT, 1988 of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru was registered on 17.07.2017 against Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer by Anti-Corruption Bureau under Section 13(2) read with section 13(1) (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and investigated into by conducting searches at residential & office premises of Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, his relatives, close associates.

3. And whereas, during the course of investigation the AO Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II was arrested on 17.07.2017 by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials and produced before the Hon'ble Spl. Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Vijayawada, who after considering the material available on record remanded him to judicial custody, subsequently he was enlarged on bail.

4. And whereas, for the purpose of investigation, the check period against Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II, was taken i.e. the check period for the purpose of computation of Assets, Income and Expenditure of Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah was taken from 01.01.1994 to 17.07.2017 (from the date of acquisition of first asset by Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, to till the date of searches).

5. And whereas, it is alleged that scrutiny of documents seized and collected evidence discloses that Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Kameswara Rao, 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II (Retired), Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District during the said check period, acquired total assets in his name and in the names of his family members to a tune of Rs. 1,46,69,312/- (Rupees One core Forty Six Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Only). The total Income derived by Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah from all the known sources during the above check period is estimated to be as

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Rs.98,72,130/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Seventy Two thousand One hundred and Thirty Only). The total Expenditure incurred by Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah during the check period is Rs. 75, 09, 864/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Four Only). The Likely Savings of Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, during the check period is Rs. 23,62,266/- (Twenty three Lakhs Sixty Two thousand Two hundred and Sixty Six rupees only). As such Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Kameswara Rao, 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II (Retired), Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District is in possession of Disproportionate Assets of Rs.1,23,07,046/- (Rupees One Core Twenty Three Lakhs Seven Thousand and Forty Six Only) (Total Assets of Rs.1,46,69,312/- (-) Likely Savings Rs. 23,62,266/-) which he acquired by way of corrupt and dubious methods.

6. And whereas, the above-said acts of Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II (Retired), Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District constitute an offence punishable under section 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

7. And whereas, in response to the statutory notice in respect of possession of disproportionate assets, Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, offered his explanation, which is not satisfactory in light of the facts and evidence collected during the course of investigation.

8. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to prosecute Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Kameswara Rao, 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II (Retired), Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District, after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. copies of Preliminary & Final Report of the Director General, ACB, along with copies of FIR, Inventory Reports, documents, statement of witnesses, explanation offered by Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah etc.,) placed before the Government in respect of the above-said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Kameswara Rao, 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II, (Retired) Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District should be prosecuted in the Court of Law.

9. Now therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1988 (as amended by Act, 16 of 2018), the Government hereby accords sanction for the Prosecution of the said Sri Ravipati Annapurnaiah, S/o Kameswara Rao, 63 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II, (Retired) Integrated Social Welfare Hostel Complex for Boys, Yetigattu, Eluru, West Godavari District for the said offence punishable under sections 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable in force in respect of the aforesaid act and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(K.HARSHAVARDHAN)
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.